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Enclosed is a copy of a partial translation of the International Search Report of the counterpart PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/000932 dated April 6, 2004 together with the references cited therein.

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